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SUBJECT: MALAYSIAN JOURNALIST TO INTERVIEW QADHAFI IN TRIPOLI

1. MALAYSIAN JOURNALIST M.G.G. PILLAI WHO INTER ALIA IS LOCAL CORRESPONDENT FOR HONG KONG-BASED "ASIAWEEK," "NEWSWEEK," AND "WASHINGTON POST," WILL BE TRAVELING TO TRIPOLI IN A FEW DAYS TO INTERVIEW LIBYAN REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL CHAIRMAN QADHAFI. TRIP ARRANGELY STEMS FOR LONG STANDING INVITATION FROM LIBYAN EMBASSY. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY UNNAMED BELGIAN TV CORRESPONDENT FOR JOINT INTERVIEW WHICH WILL BE CARRIED BY SEVERAL EUROPEAN PUBLICATIONS, INCLUDING "LONDON TIMES." PILLAI TOLD US THAT AMONG QUESTIONS HE HOPES ASK ARE STATUS OF (A) JAPANESE RED ARMY TERRORISTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN AUGUST RAID ON EMBASSY LAST YEAR, AND (B) LIBYAN SUPPORT FOR MUSLIM SEPARATIST MOVEMENTS IN PHILIPPINES, SOUTHERN THAILAND ERITREA.

2. PILLAI, WHO IS WELL AND FAVORALY KNOWN TO US AND WHO HAS BEEN A USEFUL CONTACT HOPES TO VISIT EMBASSY AND CALL ON CHARGE CARLE. HE WILL ALSO CALL ON BANGLADESH AMBASSADOR ZAMIRUDDIN AHMED, ON OLD FRIEND. HE PLANS TO DEPART KUALA LUMPUR AUG 27 AND TO ARRIVE TRIPOLI ON EVENING ALITALIA FLIGHT FROM ROME AUGUST 29 (HE IS UNCERTAIN WHERE HE WILL BE STAYING WHILE THERE). HE EXPECTS INTERVIEW WITH QADHAFI WILL TAKE PLACE
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SEPTEMBER 1 OR 2 AND PLANS TO DEPART FOLLOWING DAY FOR LONDON

AND RETURN TO MALAYSIA. WE BELIEVE YOU WOULD FIRM HIM
INTERESTING AND FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW WE WOULD APPRECIATE
ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO ACCOMMODATE HIM SHOULD HE REQUEST AN
APPOINTMENT, REALIZING FULL WELL YOU HAVE OTHER PREOCCUPATIONS
THESE DAYS. INCIDENTALLY, FROM ATTITUDE LARG AMBASSADOR,
PILLAI THINKS QADHAFI WILL BE MAKING SOME SORT OF MAJOR
ANNOUNCEMENT WHILE HE IS THERE.
UNDERHILL

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